

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Susan W. Shaffer

DATE: June 28, 2005

RE: **REVISED** Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics (Oct. 2004 - Feb. 2005)

Enclosed are revised juvenile drug testing statistics for October 2004 through February 2005. Fortunately, an inquiry from a recipient led to a discovery of a subtle error in the new program PSA is using to compile statistics by age. Specifically, we were not correctly distinguishing between positive and negative tests for some age groups. As you may know, we launched Wintox, our new laboratory information system, in October 2004. This change required us to completely rewrite the programs that generate the statistics. Regrettably, the new program data was improperly validated prior to issuance of the juvenile statistics for the referenced period, resulting in erroneous reports. The programming has now been corrected, and a thorough validation of the results has been completed. We also validated the dates of birth of the young juvenile clients. We then recompiled the monthly statistics and republished them. Any changes to the numbers in the republished version (as compared with the original version) are due to the program corrections and subsequent Lab activity.

While we are very pleased that the corrected data paints a more positive picture, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience resulting from the previously issued erroneous reports.

Also enclosed are the juvenile stats for March through May 2005. We trust that you will find this information useful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Information Technology Director, Ron Hickey at 202-585-7928, or me personally at 202-220-5650.